

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested. This communication is being filed in response to the final Office Action having a mailing date of November 2, 2006. Claims 14, 17, 23 and 24 have been previously canceled. Claims 30 and 32 are canceled herein. With this filing, claims 1-13, 15, 16, 18-22, 25-29, 31, and 33-35 are pending in the application. No new matter has been added.

The applicant appreciates the indication that claims 1-13, 15, 16, 18-22, 25-29, 34, and 35 are directed to allowable subject matter. The applicant further appreciates the indication that dependent claims 31 and 33 are objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of their base claims. To that end, the Examiner will notice that the limitations of canceled claim 30 have been incorporated into claim 31, and the limitations of canceled claim 32 have been incorporated into claim 33. Accordingly, independent claims 31 and 33 are now in condition for allowance. The applicant respectfully requests that the objections to claims 31 and 33 be withdrawn. The rejections of canceled claims 30 and 32 are moot.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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